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- 1. QUESTION OF PAN AMERICAN'S INTENTIONS REGARDING BEIRUT CAME UP AGAIN IN MY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS MAY 10. HE SAID PANAM WAS SOLE HOLDOUT, NOW THAT LUFTHANSA HAD RESUMED FLIGHTS. I SAID WE DID NOT YET KNOW PANAM'S INTENTIONS BUT GATHERED THAT SECURITY MIGHT BE A CONSIDERATION. HE REPEATED THAT THEY WERE SOLE HOLDOUT AND THAT THEIR RETURN WAS IMPORTANT SIGN OF CONFIDENCE FOR LEBANESE.
- 2. NOTE: WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS REFERENCES TO PANAM'S INTEREST IN LANDING RIGHTS, AND RECENT SOUR NOTE FROM DAMASCUS INDICATES THEY HAVE NO INTENTION RETURNING HERE IN NEAR FUTURE, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT RESPONSE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR REFTEL. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHAT PANAM THINKS ON SUBJECT BECAUSE IT COMES UP EVERY TIME I SEE PRESIDENT. WOULD BE PLEASED TO TALK TO PANAM REPS ON SUBJECT WHILE IN WASHINGTON. PARKER

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